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...er Is Known: Shooting Ends a Life of Obscurity for Former Bus Boy

She was a hall monitor at a recreation center at the Story school, where Arthur Bremer was a janitor. They met last October, but he first visited her house the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

Then they had a date in downtown Milwaukee, walking around, looking at Christmas decorations. He gave her a bouquet of roses, a box of candy and a handkerchief for Christmas. She gave him a handkerchief and a Christmas card.

Perhaps His Only Card

"He put the card on the top of the refrigerator in his apartment," she said. "I think it was the only one he got."

She gave candy to her family and a small piece to her gerbil, Freedom, she recalled.

"Artie hated the gerbil," she said. "He said I gave more attention to the gerbil than to him."

Although he had a car and an apartment, neither Joan nor her mother had the impression that Arthur Bremer had much money. Most of the time, he just dropped over to the house after calling first.

But once he did take Joan to the Milwaukee Arena to see Blood, Sweat and Tears, the rock group.

"He embarrassed me," she said. "He started yelling like crazy and stamping his foot to the beat and clapping his hands."

Joan went to his apartment once briefly on Dec. 28, where she got the impression of clut and that he lived on a cold-cereal diet.

Early in January, she decided she did not want to see him anymore.

"He was driving me up a wall," she explained. "He'd cross-examine me. He asked me what I meant every time I said anything. Then he'd ask me why I never asked him questions. He was weird."

Told to Stop Calling

When he kept calling her by

paign staff who were in Wisconsin for the April 14 Democratic Presidential primary have also said that they thought they recalled a man of his description at a Milwaukee rally.

Still, no one could be found who seemed to know for sure what Arthur Bremer was doing in March. Although his neighbors said that they had never known him to make long trips, he did take some in April.

Stays in New York

On April 7 and 8, he stayed at the expensive Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City. The F.B.I. has seized the hotel records and told employes not to discuss the matter, so how much his bill was or how he paid it was not available.

Senator Humphrey was scheduled to be at the Waldorf April 7, but the trip was canceled.

The next concrete evidence of Mr. Bremer's whereabouts that The New York Times was able to uncover came when on April 15 he received a speeding ticket for driving 75 miles an hour in a 65-mile-an-hour zone as he headed south at 6:40 P.M. on Route 81 about 15 miles from Binghampton, N. Y.

During that period, Governor Wallace was doing most of his campaigning in Indiana, Louisiana and Texas, far from any place that Route 81, which runs from Canada to Tennessee, would logically have taken Arthur Bremer.

"When I heard about Bremer," said Lieut. Blake Muthig, zone commander of the New York State Police in the Binghamton area, "I talked to Trooper [Paul F.] Mitchell [who issued the summons]. He said there was nothing unusual about the man. He was very

quiet, very polite. The gentleman said he would pay his fine. You have to have more facts other than speeding to justify searching the car."

In the latter part of April, neighbors recalled having seen Mr. Bremer in Milwaukee. And sometime during the first week of that month he joined the Milwaukee chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, paying $10 for a basic membership. When he was arrested, he asked for an A.C.L.U. lawyer, but after investigating, the Baltimore chapter decided there were no indications of violations or constitutional rights on which to represent him.

Jerry Stone, an attendant at Aldo's Standard Service, a filling station near Arthur Bremer's apartment where Mr. Bremer used to buy gasoline and occasionally fuss with his car, recalled that late in April or early in May he had seen the suspect.

Mr. Stone said that another young man with a mustache and long dark hair held by a headband had been with him and that they had rolled in some tires to get them put on rims.

Then on May 5, Mr. Bremer checked out the two books on the Robert F. Kennedy assassination from the public library.

Except for one neighbor who thinks she may have seen him May 8 or 9, most people do not recall his having been in Milwaukee after May 5.

If he did leave the city then, he apparently spent most of the next 10 days driving his old Rambler Rebel, which he had fitted out with blankets, pillows and most of his belong-

ings, over the highways between Michigan and Maryland.

In the days since the shooting, a number of persons have said they thought they saw Arthur Bremer at Wallace rallies in Maryland or Michigan during that period.

While most of the sightings have not been confirmed, he was in Kalamazoo, Mich., for the rally there May 13.

He checked in at 1 P.M. Friday, May 12, at the Reid Hotel, an old, narrow eight-story building about a block and a half from the armory where the rally was to be held. He was alone and paid $8.32 cash in advance.

Hotel personnel believe he left the building about 2:30 P.M. and did not return until 9 P.M. He checked out at 9:30 A.M. the next day.

About 4 P.M. he was questioned by the Kalamazoo police after a parking lot attendant reported that a man had been sitting in his car in the lot across from the armory all day. The policeman checked his license, when Arthur Bremer said he was waiting for the rally, he was not questioned further.

John Bleeker and his wife were among several persons who said they had seen him at the rally. Mr. Bleeker said that Mr. Bremer had applauded vigorously during the country music warmup before Governor Wallace spoke but "he didn't applaud once during the speech."

He also said that he had seen Mr. Bremer get up before the rally and talk for about three minutes with a slim, attractive young woman who was with some "hippie types" who were distributing anti-Wallace leaflets signed by the Young Workers Liberation League of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mrs. Janet Perrone, the Wallace state women's coordinator in Maryland, has said that Mr. Bremer came into the campaign headquarters in Silver Spring sometime early in the week of May 7 and chatted with her. Other witnesses have said that they thought they saw him at rallies in Cumberland and Hagerstown, Md., on May 6 and at one in Frederick on May 11.

After leaving Kalamazoo, Mich., late Saturday or early Sunday, May 14, he made the long drive to Wheaton, Md., in time to be filmed there by television crews at a noon rally on Monday, May 15.

A few hours later his odyssey was over as he was seized as Governor Wallace lay bleeding on the ground at the shopping center in Laurel.

How did the former bus boy and janitor, who earned $3,01[illegible] last year, according to a Federal income tax form found in his apartment, support himself during his unemployment and manage to buy the guns, tape recorder, portable radio with police band, binoculars and other equipment he was carrying, as well as finance his travels?

His father has told the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a source said, that his thrifty son, who had a savings account at the Mitchell Street State Bank in Milwauke, had withdrawn substantial sums in recent months and had been living off the money. Bank officials declined to discuss the account.

Other sources close to the investigation said that the suspect had said after his arrest that he was down to his last $2, that he had not eaten for several days, that he had been sleeping most recent nights in his car and that the old Rambler had broken down repeatedly on the trip from Kalamazoo.

By the time he reached Laurel, as the source said, Arthur Herman Bremer appeared to have reached the end of his rope."

Wallace Still 'Stable'; Set to Be Transferred

SILVER SPRING, Md., May 21 (AP)—Physicians at Holy Cross Hospital reported today that the condtion of Gov. George C. Wallace remained stable and that his temperature ranges were near normal.

Blood pressure and heart action were stable, it was reported, and kidney function was described as normal.

There was no reported change in the leg paralysis caused by a bullet lodged in his spine. Surgery to remove the slug and determine whether the Alabamian will walk again is expected to be performed sometime this week.

Sources in Mr. Wallace's temporary campaign headquarters at the hospital said that the Governor would be transferred to a Birmingham, Ala., medical center whenever the weather cleared. It was cloudy and rainy here over the weekend.

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This is the tail end of the Times version of the Times svc story that appeared in the SF Chronicle 22 May 1972. I've copied only this last part because while the Times version had a little material ahead of this section which was not in the Chronicle version, none of it appeared relevant. This is interesting because of his improbable membership in the ACLU and the mention of still more acquaintances or companions.